



**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS**

**COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT
(NFSIA)**

Overview: The federally funded Coverdell formula block grant program supports the improvement in quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services. Funds are used to reduce backlogs in the analysis of forensic evidence and the training for and employment of forensic laboratory personnel to eliminate such a backlog. The grant must address needs of laboratories operated by the State and those operated by units of local government within the state. This grant supports the three accredited crime laboratories below.

The federal allocation for FFY2013 is \$111,955.

GRANTEE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension	Supports laboratory accreditation and continuing education for certification; increase in laboratory capacity with the replacement of instrumentation; increase in personnel by use of overtime to address backlog.
Hennepin County Sheriff's Office	Supports purchase of equipment needed to improve the quality of forensic services.
Minneapolis Police Crime Lab Unit	Supports purchase of equipment, training, and annual accreditation feeds to improve services and timeliness of forensic services.